

## **REMARKS**

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Consistent therewith, Applicant has:

- Amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of prior dependent claims 2 and 3; thus, amended claim 1 includes the allowable subject matter of prior claim 3.
- Applicant has amended independent claim 22 to include the subject matter of prior claim 3; it is believed that claim 22 is now allowable as well.
- Independent claim 48 has been amended to include the subject matter of prior claim 49; thus, amended claim 48 includes the allowable subject matter of prior claim 49.
- Applicant has added new claim 50, which includes the subject matter of allowable claim 14, in combination with prior claims 1 and 11 from which claim 14 depended.
- Applicant has added new claim 51, which includes the subject matter of allowable claim 23, in combination with prior claim 22 from which claim 23 depended.


As a result, all dependent claims are believed to be based upon the subject matter of previously found allowable claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the present case is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, it is respectfully requested that he telephone the undersigned attorney.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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